

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri V.Appa Rao, former Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi and Presently Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Kovvur, West Godavari District for certain allegations of irregularities in issue of license to the Trader and in purchase of pesticides and fertilizers at A.M.C., Darsi - Penalty awarded – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt..No. 740

Dated: 25-06-2009
Read the following:-

1. From C&DOAM, Hyd. Lr.No.DS(1)196/2002, dt.28-02-2007.
2. GORt.No.150, Agri. Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dt.07-02-2008.
3. From Sri V. Appa Rao, former Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi and Presently Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Kovvur, West Godavari District, Written statement of defence, dt.27-03-2008.
4. Govt.Memo No.10844/Vig.II(1)/2006-9, dt.15-09-2008.
5. From Addl.DOM & Inquiry Officer, O/o C&DOAM, Hyderabad Inquiry Report dt.Nil.
6. Govt.Memo No.10844/Vig.II(1)2006-12, dt.07-03-2009.
7. From Sri V. Appa Rao, Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Kovvur, West Godavari District, Representation dt.20-05-2009.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the noticed of the Govt. that Sri V. Appa Rao, while working as Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi had committed certain allegations of irregularities in issue of license to the Trader and in purchase of pesticides and fertilizers. In the reference 2nd read above, departmental proceedings were initiated by framing the following article of charges against Sri V. Appa Rao, former Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi & Special Grade Secretary:-

Charge-1: *“That Sri V. Appa Rao, while working as Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi during the period from 25-05-1999 to 30-04-2001 has not issued licence to the trader M/s. Mahalakshmi Enterprises, Kurichedu though the trader has paid an amount of Rs.100/- towards licence fee to the A.M.C., Darsi vide receipt No.19/473, dt.28-07-2000 for doing business in Pulses. As per Rule 48(5) of the A.P.(AP & LS) Market Rules, 1969, every application for the grant of a licence shall be disposed off by the Market Committee within a period of (45) days from the date of receipt of the application for grant of licence. Every licence shall be granted or rejected giving reasons within (45) days. But he has neither issued licence to the trader nor rejected the application for grant of licence, as against he has taken subsequent action to issue permit books to the above trader against the rules. This clearly shows his gross negligence in official duties and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Market Committee Employee and causes loss to the Govt. Thereby he violated Rule 3 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct)Rules, 1964”.*

Charge-2: *“That Sri V. Appa Rao, while working as Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi during the period from 25-05-1999 to 30-04-2001 has purchased Pesticides worth Rs. 1,28,274-38 Ps. From M/s. Maruthi Traders, Chimakurthy and sold Pesticides worth Rs. 91,784-50 Ps. and Pesticides worth Rs. 36,489-88 Ps. were expired. He has also purchased Pesticides worth Rs.1,54,427-80 Ps. from M/s. T.Stanes & Co.Ltd., Coimbatore and sold Pesticides worth Rs.1,44,017-80 Ps. and Pesticides worth Rs.10,410/- were also expired. Thus, the total value of the Pesticides expired comes to Rs.36,489-88 + 10,410-00 = Rs.46,899-88 Ps. He also purchased fertilizers worth Rs.9,46,110/- and sold fertilizers worth Rs.8,95,830/- and balance stock of fertilizes worth Rs.50,280/- is still lying clotted and unsold since, 2001. This clearly shows his gross negligence in official duties and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Market Committee Employee and causes loss to Government. Thereby he violated Rule 3 of the A.P.C.S.(Conduct)Rules, 1964”.*

2. In the reference 3rd read above, The Charged Officer Sri V. Appa Rao, Special Grade Secretary has submitted his Written Statement of Defence denying the charge framed against him.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, Government have appointed the Additional Director of Marketing, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad as Inquiry Officer to conduct a regular inquiry into the charges framed against Sri V. Appa Rao, Special Grade Secretary.
4. In the reference 5th read above, the Additional Director of Marketing & Inquiry Officer, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad has submitted the Inquiry Report concluding that the charges against Sri V.Appa Rao, former Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi and Presently Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Kovvur, West Godavari District are held proved.
5. In the reference 6th read above, while communicating a copy of Inquiry Report, the Charged Officer was requested to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his representation requesting to drop further action against him.
6. Government have examined the matter carefully and observed that in respect of Charge-1, the Charged Officer is unable to show any valid reason for not issuing licence within a stipulated time and his argument is unable to show any cogent reason for his lapse. In respect of Charge-2, the Charged Officer is unable to justify the purchases of pesticides done by him without demands and subsequently became useless because of expiry of date. As such, Government have decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri V.Appa Rao, former Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi and Presently Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Kovvur, West Godavari District.
7. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri V.Appa Rao, former Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi and Presently Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Kovvur, West Godavari District, as the charges were held proved in a regular inquiry.
8. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K. R. KISHORE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.Appa Rao, former Secretary, A.M.C., Darsi and
Presently Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Kovvur, West Godavari District
(Through: The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad)

Copy to: -
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER